GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:596
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2002
ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAY LAND
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a vast chunk of Railway land has been occupied by the encroachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether encroachments on Railway land on different Zonal Railways is now being monitored on a monthly basis in Board`s Office;

(d) whether joint procedure orders for effective co-ordination between different departments for prevention, detection, and removal of encroachments and making Inspectors-Incharge personally accountable for additional encroachments, have yielded any effective results;

(e) whether his Ministry has urged the Urban Development Ministry to grant enhanced powers to the Estate Officer by amending PPE Act, 1971; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.596 BY SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.11.2002 REGARDING ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAY LAND.

(a) & (b): Approximately 2218 hectare of Railway land are under encroachments. State-wise details are not maintained. Railway zone-wise details (as on 30.9.02) are as given below:-

Zone	Area under encroachments (Hectare)
Central	130
Eastern	125
Northern	1213
North Eastern	62
Northeast Frontier	230
Southern	77
South Central	50
South Eastern	256
Western	75
Total	2218

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. Amendments have been proposed to Sections 5, 7, 8, 11 and 16 of the PPE Act, 1971 to the effect that
(i) orders of the Estate Officer(E.O.) be deemed as decree of Civil Court,
(ii) non-compliance of the EO.`s orders should invite financial penalty, and action for contempt of Court, and

(iii) E.O. should have the power to issue injunction/interim orders during pendency of a case; and to issue directions for attachment of encroachers` property.